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Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on U.S. Senate Action to Protect Mt. Soledad War Memorial

Gov. Schwarzenegger issued the following statement regarding the Senate's approval of Representative Duncan Hunter's Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial Protection Act (H.R. 5863), which transfers possession of the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, California, to the federal government:

"The Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial is a historic landmark that has been an important part of the San Diego community since it was erected over 50 years ago to commemorate military service and sacrifices in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Allowing this landmark to be destroyed would send the wrong message to our nation's veterans and to those men and women who are currently serving to defend our country at home and around the world. The transfer of the Memorial to the federal government would allow it to stand as a permanent reminder to all of our appreciation of the cost paid by those who serve to keep our nation free."

Last night, the Governor sent a letter to Senator Frist urging his support for the bill.

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Editor's Note: A copy of the Governor's letter is attached.

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